

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the application, in view of the above amendments and the following remarks is respectfully requested.

The examiner rejects Claims 1 and 2 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Dierickx. The examiner states that Claims 3-6 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Accordingly, Claim 1 has been cancelled without prejudice and combined with Claim 3 to produce an allowable claim. Claim 2 has been made dependent upon Claim 3. Claims 4 and 5 depend upon Claim 3, which is now an independent claim. Accordingly, Claims 2-6 are in condition for allowance.

The examiner has allowed Claims 7-20.

Accordingly, Applicants believe that the application, as amended, is in condition for allowance, and such action is respectfully requested.

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